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[Omitted here is conversation unrelated to South Asia.]

R: I had two interesting talks with the Indians. It was like lancing a boil.

K: Because of Pakistan?

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R: Yes, she really let her hair down. She said we were against her father and her. She said she resented our pressure and our activities. I said just tell us what you have in mind and we'll stop it. I said ~~it's~~ it's a little difficult for us; we've been in office only 20 months and you are holding against us a paranoia going back to John Foster Dulles.

K: That's good. It's interesting considering her father was the darling of the American intellectuals.

R: When it was over I said to the Foreign Minister let's continue this. So he came over to my apartment this morning. He told me how they feel about out aid. I told him we are not interested in having them indebted to us. I said all we want is a little friendship; everything we get from them is almost acrimonious.

K: I think this will help. They are just probing until they meet a little resistance. They have a terrible paranoia.

R: I said do you think we are doing something? I said I don't think Keating has done it -- he's a pretty acute person. It was a very interesting discussion. It may get a little bit better now.

K: Once they know where they stand and with whom they are dealing it may get a lot better. I think you'll have a better time with them now.

R: I said give us a list of specifics. I said if we are faced only with suspicions and animosities from years gone by there's nothing we can do. He said our aid mission should be reduced. I said we've reduced it considerably from what it was; don't you know that? He said yes. I said then why don't you thank us instead of just complaining more.

K: I think it is paranoia. They are suffering because they were the leading non-aligned country and now they're just another undeveloped one.

R: I gave her a going over on Vietnam. She spoke against us at the UN. She got dramatic and said "I would give my life for freedom." I said we are giving our lives for it. We've lost _____ Americans and _____ more casualties and we don't like ~~xxxx~~ it at all when you are so critical about what we've done. I also gave them a going over about cultural centers. I said you accused us publicly, you had no evidence, you didn't even speak to us privately before you made your public charge. I said it's false and we resent it.

K: I think your relations with them are going to improve. If you watch them dealing with each other . . . outside they play this moral game, but inside

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they are tough as hell. I don't know what more we could have done for them. They get 40 percent of our aid budget. We penalized Pakistan with an arms embargo.

R: We've done everything we could. I went there; the President went there. If ~~for~~ things done to her father bug her and she doesn't trust us . . .

K: Kennedy practically slobbered over her.

R: I know. I just thought you'd be interested.